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Retention highest in ten years

Waldstein says numbers show students' satisfaction with their college experience

HANNAH COX KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR

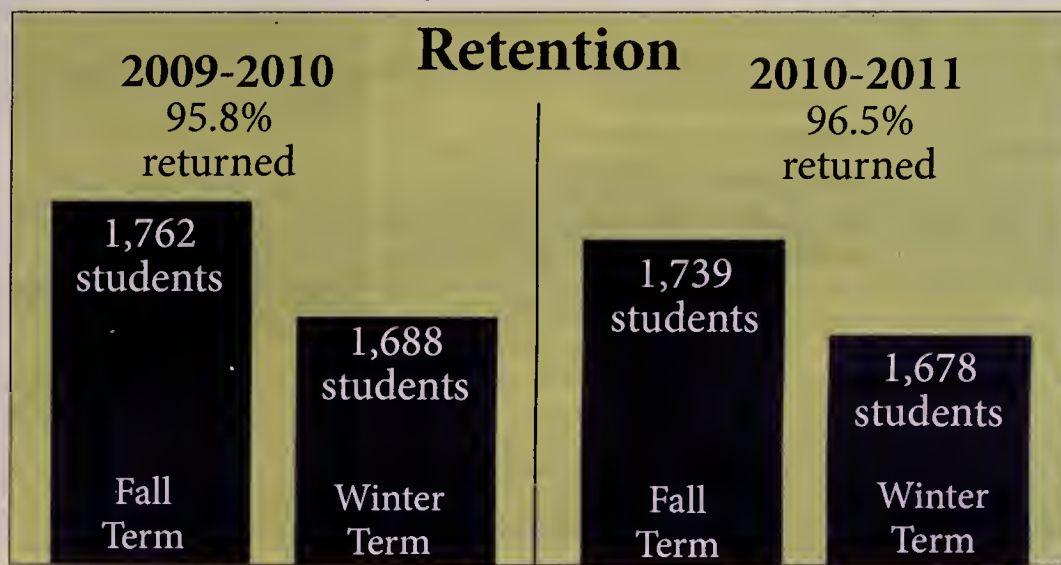
The retention rate for Fall to Winter Term is the highest it has been in over a decade, Edie Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management, said.

This year, 96.5 percent of the students returned after Fall Term while 95.8 percent returned between last year's Fall and Winter Terms. However, there are ten fewer students this Winter Term than last year's Winter Term.

"Retention is really the happy bi-product of student satisfaction," Waldstein said. "So the goal is really to do everything we can to help students be successful at Wartburg and to be satisfied with their experience here."

The Retention Committee focuses on what can be done to help support students and their academic progress each year. Waldstein said this year the committee worked on refining the Early Alert process in the Pathways Center.

Early Alert identifies students that might be struggling and develops a system to support them



Alyssa Sheston / TRUMPET

if they have problems, Waldstein said.

There is an Early Alert team, that consists of Pathways staff, Student Life staff and faculty.

They meet weekly and review general issues, such as mid-term support.

"Retention is something that is really the result of everybody on

campus trying to make the best possible experience for students, and I think we've taken that seriously," Waldstein said.

She said the Fall to Winter Term retention rate is important and more of a mid-year check to see where the school is at, but the biggest number of importance is Fall to Fall Term retention rates.

"The numbers are interesting and important, and we do need to monitor them. That is part of what we do in enrollment management.

"The most important message about retention is that...the students are successful," Waldstein said.

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Same-sex marriage bill stirs more controversy

Bill revoking same-sex marriage passes through Iowa House, sent to Senate

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Two years after the Iowa Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage, new legislation is being reviewed in the state Legislature to revoke that right.

It would also deny the recognition of same-sex domestic partnerships or civil unions.

There are mixed feelings on Wartburg's campus about the proposal.

"I don't know why this is always something that comes up. Why are people so worried about gay marriage when there's other things like education issues coming up and tax issues, job issues?" Alex Mougins, president of the Alliance organization on campus, said. "I know [the government] has to

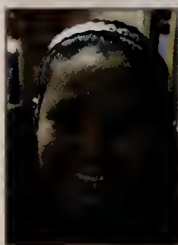
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Rising gas prices taking a toll on commuters

Gas prices are likely to keep rising as crisis in Egypt continues

RACHEL BIEDERMANN STAFF WRITER

Commuters and travelers have noticed the sight of escalating gas prices which have now crossed over the three dollar mark.



Audrey Sturtz

According to the AAA Motor Club, prices are up 12 cents from a month ago and are only expected to go higher.

The cost is impacting anyone who needs to fill their tank including those who are student teaching this semester.

Audrey Sturtz, a student teacher at Denver High School, said it takes her 20 minutes to

commute every day.

"I definitely have [seen an increase]," Sturtz said. "Usually it only costs me a little over \$30 to fill up my gas tank and now it's pushing almost

forty."

Gas is not the only priority on people's check books.

"It's even more challenging [to pay for gas] because I don't have an income coming in to balance it," Sturtz said. "I'm pretty much banking on the money that I've made last year to pay for the gas and to pay toward college."

"I can't afford to buy a new car and I can't walk 30 miles to work so no matter what, people are going to have to buy gas."

-Rose Dougan

One reason for the drastic change could be because of the unrest in Egypt, which controls two million barrels of oil through the Suez Canal, according to the

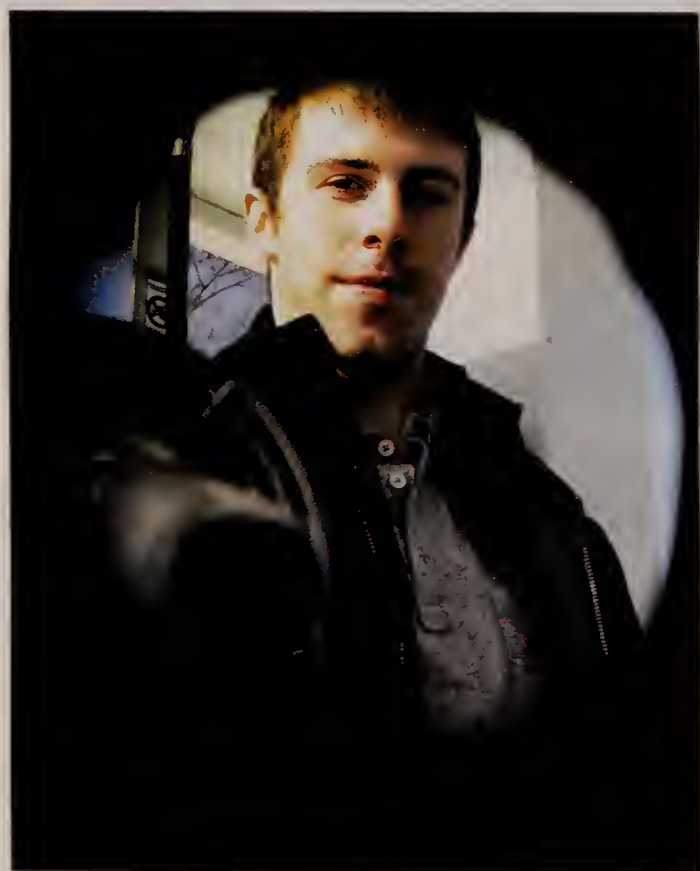
Lundberg Survey.

Gas may come at a cost, but it isn't the first time it has gauged this high.

Rose Dougan, a shift leader at Kwik Star, said customers use their credit cards more, because gas is so expensive and they just want to pay for it later.

With an hour long commute from Sumner, Dougan knows

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Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET

Charlie Nicols feels the pinch of rising gas prices while commuting to campus from outside of Waverly.

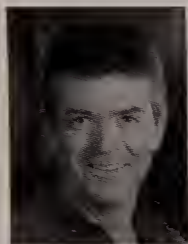
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NEWS

College searching for sustainability coordinator

AL STRAIN SPORTS EDITOR

Wartburg is hiring a sustainability coordinator, who will be in charge of organizing campus activities centered around making the college more environmentally friendly.



David McCullough

The position will be part-time. "We're at the position now that we need a point person to help guide and mentor students," David McCullough, chair of the search committee, said.

McCullough said the need to hire a coordinator comes from an increase in interest from the campus community to make Wartburg more sustainable.

Over several years, various organizations have made a concentrated effort to make the college more sustainable.

Tammy Faux, associate professor of social work and former chair of the Energy and

Environmental Sustainability Initiative Task Force, said she hopes the new coordinator can bring ideas while helping continue Wartburg on a path toward greater energy efficiency.

"It's too big of a job for one person to do," Faux said. "We need someone to coordinate the effort so we don't have an overlap in activities."

The new coordinator would work up to 1,200 hours every year while serving on the EESI task force, the person would report directly to the director of the physical plant.

Some of the tasks assigned to the coordinator include designing new green educational initiatives, overseeing recycling programs and coordinating the annual Go Green Fair.

The first of two final candidates held their interview last Thursday. The second will

be this week.

The candidates will meet with students and faculty from several organizations including Student Senate and EESI.

McCullough said Wartburg is always looking for ways to involve the community in its sustainability initiatives.

"There will be a focus here as far as campus initiatives, but we hope to get students involved with the Waverly community as well as the surrounding Cedar Valley," McCullough said.

Faux said integrating the community with Wartburg's efforts should be one of the first things the new coordinator does.

"People have good hearts about becoming more sustainable, but they get side tracked," Faux said.

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-Tammy Faux



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Recent car thefts leave students bewildered

Baylee Riley looks at her damaged dashboard where her stereo used to be. Riley is one of six students contacted by security because their cars were broken into.

Along with her stolen stereo, thieves smashed her window, ripped out her glove compartment and stole CDs and other items in her car. "I just feel sort of violated. There wasn't a lot of snow in the car, so someone probably just broke in during the middle of the day. How does no one see that?" Riley said.

In total, the damages to her car were over a thousand dollars.

Students bring home 31 awards at ICMA conference

Students in the communication arts department accumulated 31 awards at the annual Iowa College Media Association conference in Des Moines last Thursday.

The Wartburg Trumpet brought home five awards, including first place for best sports photo and second place for best feature photo.

Wartburg Television had earned 12 awards, including first place for best news programming and first place for

best sportscasting.

The Circuit also received five awards, including first place for best online edition, first and second place for best podcast and second place for best breaking story.

KWAR received nine awards including first place for best newscast, first place for best sports broadcast and second place for best entertainment show.

For a full list, visit the Circuit at www.wartburgcircuit.org.

Students, Gronstal hopeful same-sex ban will not go to public vote

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to have involvement in it, but at the same time, I've always said the government needs to stay out of the bedroom."

Alliance co-adviser Cassandra Hales agreed.

"I think it would be a shame to take steps backward after Iowa has done such an amazing job supporting the GLBT community," Hales said. "The government should spend more time worrying about job loss or the economy, because those things are affecting the daily lives of Iowa citizens."

The proposed resolution said, "Marriage between one man and one woman shall be the only legal union valid or recognized in this

state."

Some students think the proposed legislation is unnecessary.

"I think it's silly that they had it passed and now they're trying to ban it," Trevor Harrison said.

The proposal was passed through the Iowa House of Representatives on Monday. It is now on the Iowa Senate's agenda.

"I think it's going to struggle getting through Senate," Mougin said. "It's gotten to this point, which a lot of us didn't expect, but I don't think it will make it."

Alliance co-adviser Chris Knudson agreed with Mougin.

He said he did not think it would get to the point where the issue would be voted on.

If the resolution passes through

the Senate, it will be put on an Iowa ballot for the people to vote on no earlier than 2013.

The majority leader of the Iowa Senate, Mike Gronstal, has vowed to stop the ban from going to a public vote.

"We live in a free country and everyone should be allowed to vote for what they want," Hales said. "I am just confused, like many other people are, as to why we need to vote on something that is already passed."

Knudson said anyone interested in learning more about the future of gay rights in Iowa are welcome to come to the Alliance meeting in Diers House this Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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Commuters feeling the pinch, finding new ways to cut costs

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the burden of paying at the pump. It takes her a total of \$10 a day to come to and from work.

"Some weeks it can get tough," Dougan said. "Some weeks we don't even make it paycheck to paycheck, because I live half an hour east."



Jess Bullis

Even though gas prices have increased, people are finding ways to lessen the bill.

Carpooling and offering rides to one another is one solution student teachers are using to save their bank accounts.

Jess Bullis, whose placement is in Waterloo, said she carpools with Blake Suckow, so they only have to pay half as much.

When commuting, Bullis also knows where to go in order to cut her cost.

"On my way back from home, I stop at the Flying J which is in

Evansdale, because it's a little bit cheaper there," Bullis said.

Even though there are options such as carpooling, walking or buying more energy efficient cars, paying for gas is something that can't be avoided Dougan said.

"I can't afford to buy a new car and I can't walk 30 miles to work so no matter what, people are going to have to buy gas," Dougan said.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND:

Make sustainability part of you

ELLEN KURT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I'm that girl that doesn't use a straw in a restaurant because you can't recycle it, and I try my hardest not to use a bag when I can at the grocery store.

I convinced my roommates into recycling as long as I take it out when it gets full.



Needless to say, I am very interested when I read about the next thing in sustainability.

I was browsing an article recently about colleges developing majors in environmental sustainability.

This is nothing new to many colleges around the country, but what is new is the spin this article took on the message these colleges are sending.

The article was called "Forget Green Jobs" and was published on Inside Higher Ed's website.

It talked about how colleges are teaching students the skills in the classroom to get green jobs but

how every job involves some sort of being green.

Whether you are a doctor or a teacher, you will not be able to get away from this trend. When you are thinking about your future you may not think about how being green might affect it.

Students are used to thinking in linear processes instead of interconnected systems.

We don't want to think about how throwing that bottle in the garbage means another item in the dumpster and more plastic that has to be used on another bottle, putting more strain on our environment.

Copernicus said the earth is not the center of the universe and we need to remember that we are not the center of the earth. We have a huge affect on our earth, even though we share it.

Everything we do or don't do to be sustainable affects the people around us.

Eighty-two percent of Americans believe that in order to remain globally competitive, U.S. business leaders must understand how to

manage business in an environmentally sustainable manner. This is according to a recent national Harris survey.

Yet only 13 percent of U.S. adults are confident that corporate America has the knowledge to make decisions that consider long-term impacts on the environment.

We do not exist in a vacuum. Everything we do affects others around us as well as ourselves.

These colleges are providing great information to students about being green, students just need to take that next step and make being green a part of their lives.

Being green doesn't just mean recycling or turning off lights, it's understanding the world and the people around us. It's caring about others and the future.

Even if you are not currently thinking about the impact of your lack of green actions, know that in the future you will have sustainability as part of your job. You can't escape it.

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WORD FROM THE WISE:

The value of a Wartburg Education

TODD COLEMAN GUEST COLUMNIST

As prices continue to rise for nearly every product in the marketplace, "value" becomes more meaningful each day.

In the most practical sense, "value" means receiving a product of value at a price that is less than its actual worth.

Most people agree a college education provides value by increasing your earning potential over a lifetime.

A college education also provides less tangible but possibly more important value by enriching your life.

So how does Wartburg deliver value?

For starters, 95 percent of our graduates find jobs or are accepted into graduate school within seven months of graduation.

If you've looked at the posters

outside the Admissions Office, you'll see that global corporations like Jaguar, Pella Windows, Target and Hormel hire Wartburg graduates.

Wartburg also provides unique value that students don't necessarily find at other institutions.

I have worked in higher education my entire life, spending 25 years at four different colleges and universities, public and private. Here are my observations of Wartburg's special value:

Faculty choose to be at Wartburg, because they want to teach in the classroom.

At larger universities, graduate students may teach many of the introductory courses while Ph.D. faculty concentrate on research.

Full-time faculty advise our students. Another practice that is less common at larger institutions.

Study abroad and internship opportunities are built into our curriculum to insure participa-

tion doesn't delay graduation.

A lot of institutions offer these opportunities, but many with the caveat that "this may delay your graduation."

Graduating in four years is becoming less common, with only 38 percent of students at public universities completing their degrees in four years.

That additional year results in paying more tuition and also means you lose a year of salary regardless of whether you enter the work force immediately or go on to graduate school.

Successful individuals in today's world are adaptable, service-minded, technology-savvy, well-rounded and have real life work experience coming out of college.

If you begin to question your college investment—and you will—I challenge you to find better "value" than your Wartburg education.

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TRUMPET EDITORIAL:

Can students afford tuition increases?

Soon one e-mail will be sent to the entire student body that affects all of us. That e-mail will have the change in the tuition bill students receive for next year.

Over the past few years, tuition has been on the rise, both monetarily and in percentage increase. The tuition for 2008-2009 was \$33,788. It increased 4.9 percent during 2009-2010 to \$35,065, and this year's tuition rose 5.5 percent to \$36,995.

According to Higher Education, the price for college tuition has grown more rapidly than inflation. It has also grown faster than family income.

This means that families need to dedicate more to their student's education than they have previously, if they support the student monetarily at all.

The article said only the highest income families have seen their incomes go up enough that it matches the rate of tuition increases.

The United States was in a recession, officially, from December 2007 to June 2009.

The economy is still currently readjusting to where it should be.

Despite this, Wartburg tuition has risen exponentially. In the 2006-2007 year, tuition cost \$29,295. That means that over the last four years tuition has increased by \$7,700, or a 21 percent increase.

At this rate we will quickly reach \$40,000 a year, if not next year. In 2002-2003 the tuition was \$22,330. That is nearly \$20,000 in less than ten years.

Other colleges in our districts have tuition ranging from \$30,810 at University of Dubuque to \$38,150 for Coe College. Those schools have varying amounts of financial aid for their students, some more than Wartburg and some less.

When our economy was in a recession, Wartburg hiked up tuition a monumental amount.

The average person is still recovering from the recession. Wartburg needs to recognize this before boosting the cost even more.

Tuition has risen \$7,700 since 06-07
that's an average of \$1,925 a year

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Choice Words WARTBURG SOUNDS OFF

To the on campus students complaining about no snow days, you just have to walk through it; we have to drive and we still get to class.

—Commuter

Dear engaged couple, Is it really necessary to hold hands every time you walk across campus? We know you're in love!

—Get a room

John Meyers chased down the underwear thief?!

—He's now my hero

Let the handicapped use the handicap button on the doors. You, on the other hand, are capable of pushing the door open manually.

—Don't be lazy

Superbowl = Super Glee!

—Super Glee

Why do we have two trumpet stands, like 50 yards away from each other in the Student Center but not one in the Grossmann and Lohe building? Please?

—Avid Reader

Fifty degrees, sunny and living close to the mountains are a blessing... but could we please get a little help with our Internet out here, ITS?

—Wartburg West-er

There are two doors at every doorway in the skywalk. There is no need to stand, waiting to enter a door with oncoming traffic coming through. Use the close door right next to it. Stop being lazy, and open the unused door.

—Waitin on you

Dear Dr. Nelson, Did our invitation to Dubai and Abu Dhabi get accidentally addressed to the Castle Singers? You might want to clear up that mix up soon!

—Jealous in Wartburg Choir

Why is it that when I go to sign up for a meal transfer, there are never any opening and yet when I get there, people have to throw the food away because it was never picked up?

—I want webfood!

Is Wartburg so hungry for tuition money that they are willing to let thieves stay on campus? A thousand dollars of stolen goods should equal academic suspension. What prospective student would consider a school that lets this go on?

—More than slap on the wrist

NEWS

Student Senate Executive Candidates 2011

President & Vice President



Derek Nash, '12
&
Hollis Hanson-Pollock, '13

- Improve communication between students, Senate and administration.
- Implement a Senate Relief Project that gives back to Waverly.
- Make "The W," library, and student center more student friendly by forming close relationships with directors.



Rex Davidson, '12
&
Jon Housholder, '12

- Work to make the "Wartburg experience" more positive and address perceived institutional problems.
- Bridge the gap between Senate's initiatives and resources and students' needs.
- Use a broad range of experiences to meet the needs of every Wartburg student

Treasurer

David Nelson, '13

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Yvonne Ayesiga, '13
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Presidential debates will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 8 in Science Center 102 at 7:30 p.m., and on Thursday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m. live on WTV8. Voting will take place all day on Feb. 15 via a link sent to students' e-mail addresses. Results will be posted on the Circuit.

Firearm law not expected to impact Wartburg

GRETIA STARK STAFF WRITER

Despite the new law making it easier for people to carry weapons in Iowa, Wartburg's campus security director John Myers says security doesn't expect the school's anti-weapon policy to be hard to enforce.



John Myers

The Wartburg College campus is private property, and as such, the school has the right to ban weapons from the premises.

While Myers said he doesn't foresee any problem enforcing the anti-weapon policy, security is considering putting up no-weapons signs

on campus.

Myers said there has not been any problem with guns on campus in his time at Wartburg.

He said security catches a few people a year with what he called firearm replicas.

"Normally we get one or two a year...they were generally air guns or paintball guns or something like that, but from a distance they would look like real guns," Myers said.

Anything that could possibly be mistaken for a gun or weapon is banned from the Wartburg campus.

Myers said that includes BB guns, paintball guns and squirt guns.

Other types of weapons are also banned including swords, sabers, and bows and arrows.

There are a few exceptions to the anti-weapon policy. Myers said students who hunt are allowed to store their guns in a locker in the campus security office.

When the students want to go hunting, they can pick up their guns from security, but they can't linger on campus.

"They're expected to go straight to their car and leave campus," Myers said.

"And it's worked out very well so far,"

Myers said students can also sometimes bring weapons or replicas for class, but they have to talk with campus security first.

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Former Wartburg employee reacts to protests in Egypt

PHOEBE GYAMERA STAFF WRITER

Former Wartburg foreign admissions officer David Fredrick said Egyptians had been complaining about the Mubarak regime before protests started, but had been suppressed by the security and military forces.

Thousands of angry Egyptians have taken over the streets of Cairo and Alexandria to protest the 30-year rule of President Hosni Mubarak.

The angry mob has been out since Jan. 25, demanding a change in government.

Nobel Prize-winner Mohamed El Baradei, the leader of the opposition party called the Muslim Brotherhood, said the incident is "about democracy."

He called for Mubarak's resignation after a complete overhaul of the government, according to an article on CNN.com.

Mubarak would like to stop the momentum of the popular uprising so they can make arrests of many people and end the uprising, Fredrick said.

Fredrick said Mubarak is trying to buy some time, talking about not running for elections in September.

"I think the Egyptians are right not to believe him. Mubarak could either run again or his son could, and win another rigged election."

He said even though the government had control over

their mainstream media outlets, Internet and cell phone usage could not be shut down because of the adverse effect it could have on their military, security and tourism sectors.

"Through the Internet, the Egyptians saw what happened in Tunisia, [a country controlled tightly by a ruler] and how it had worked in their favor," Fredrick said.

"Egypt's people realized they were not powerless and decided to make their move."

Daniel Walther, professor of modern history and culture of the Middle East, said the Middle East has had a primary problem of regimes being conservative, whether its dictatorship or monarchical rule.

Fredrick said the U.S. could, in the short term, be threatened by increased instability in the Middle East. However, he said the movement away from tyrannies prevailing in North Africa and the Middle East is a good thing.

"We need to support the Tunisia and Egypt models of regime change, rather than the type of forceful change we are trying to bring about in Iraq and Afghanistan," Fredrick said. "It is less costly for us, whether we measure it in lives of our soldiers and diplomats or in dollars spent."

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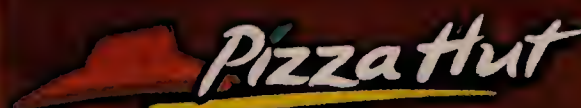
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KWAR's iPod repeat

AARON TRIER KWAR STATION MANAGER

Many critics say that this time of the year for the music industry is known as the "down months."

It's the coldest time of the year and for musicians they usually aren't going to drop their best singles right now.

Instead, they wait until spring and or summer because that is when hits are made.

I would like to respectively disagree with those critics because if you really want to hear good new music, it is always out there, you just have to find it.

It's usually from artists you haven't heard of before, but sometimes that makes it even better.

Lucky for you, I have done the work for you and have three new great songs for everyone to jam out to this week.

My number one song of the week belongs to Lee DeWyze with "Sweet Serendipity."

This song has a great beat to it that makes you want to start singing along no matter where you are.

DeWyze won the ninth season of "American Idol" and even if you have never watched the show, listen to this song and you'll see why he won.

Another great song from an up and coming band is "Cross My Heart" by Marianas Trench.

This Canadian pop rock band has had much success in Canada and is now trying to take their voice to the U.S.

"Cross My Heart" is a little different than most songs that I write about, but it's not that often a good pop rock band makes mainstream anymore, so hopefully these guys can do it.

Last up is "The Big Bang" by Rock Mafia. This is a nice, somber song you will enjoy listening to.

Also, if you're a Miley Cyrus fan, look up the music video on YouTube as she is in it alongside Kevin Zegers. The video makes the song even more interesting.

Hopefully everyone enjoys these three songs. These are some artists that most people are probably not familiar with, but could make it mainstream anytime.

And as always, tune in to 89.9 KWAR to hear these songs and more!

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Wartburg likes LikeALittle

Students can flirt with other students on new website



Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET

A student in the Den anonymously post a comment about another student on the new website likealittle.com. The website was created in late October by three Stanford students and is becoming increasingly popular on college campuses.

DREW SHRADEL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Fruit, Stanford and flirting are three things you can find at a new website some Wartburg students are joining called LikeALittle.

LikeALittle is a site that was created by three Stanford students in late October last year to help people connect with each other, co-creator Evan Reas said.

"My two friends [and I] noticed that it was difficult to communicate with people around them, whether it be a cute person in a cafe, a neighbor in the same apartment complex or a student around campus," Reas said.

"We decided to try to come up with interesting ways to connect people with the world around them, and the rest is history."

The website allows college or university students to sign up their school so students can write about someone anonymously that they saw on campus and they might think is attractive.

To post, you choose the person's gender, hair color and where you saw them on campus.

Then you write your message about the person and post it to your school's LikeALittle page.

Wartburg's LikeALittle administrator, student Haley Jo Hanson, said the site for Wartburg was created about three weeks ago.

To move a school page you need multiple people to ask join.

"When I explain it to people I tell them that it is like

Choice Words, but it is kind of flirtatious," Hanson said.

"Once I agreed to be the administrator that is when it really got going."

According to LikeALittle, about 450 colleges and have joined and created their own site.

On the website, there are many links that tell you about the site, how and why it was made and success stories about members dating because of the site.

Reas said it is exciting to see everyone joining.

"It is really exciting to see people get into relationships because of the site. We have heard hundreds of stories of it happening already and hope it continues," Reas said.

With another site out there that helps people avoid face to face interaction, the question arises about whether physical interaction is even needed.

Hanson still believes that face to face courting is better, but that LikeALittle is just a fun way for people who struggle to flirt.

"I think with anything online it is not going to have as much face to face communication, but I don't think that people should resort to just online for communication," Hanson said.

"I would definitely choose meeting a person face to face to talk to them; I think LikeALittle is just a fun version of doing it."

Although LikeALittle may discourage people from face to face interaction to express their feelings, it does try to make light of itself by giving fruit names to anyone who

comments on the posts.

Both Reas and Hanson said they are just fun ways to change up something that many do the same.

Anyone can reach Wartburg's

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Wartburg's Top Five Flirts

- 1 "At Biology: male, brown hair. You sit near me in bio.. and I think you're gorgeous:)"
- 2 "At Student Center: male, blonde hair. You know me, we hang out a lot and I secretly like you. Do you feel the same?"
- 3 "At Knights Village: female, black hair. I always wished you were in my life. I think you know it, but we are both afraid to say our feelings."
- 4 "At J-Lab: male, brown hair. You're looking good... and uhh, well I think you're pretty awesome. So who's awesome? You're awesome."
- 5 "At around campus: female, brown hair. We had IS class last term and I think you are very very, very pretty!!!!"

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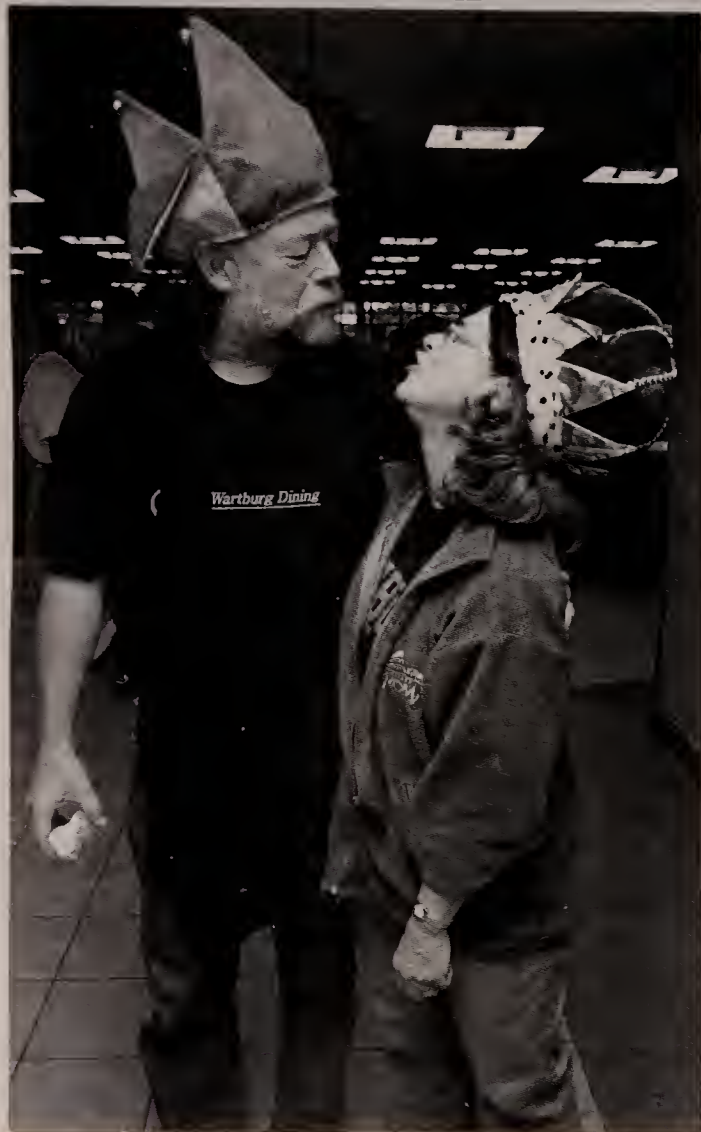
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KNIGHTLIFE

Faculty couples also part of the 'four-year plan'



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The Rev. Ramona and Professor Chip Bouzard are one of the many married couples who work at Wartburg.

DANIELLE KRAMER NEWS EDITOR

There's a common notion around the Wartburg campus that many students find their significant others during their four years of undergraduate study. What students may not know is that this idea, called the "four-year plan," is not confined to students.

Wartburg's faculty and staff feature several individuals who are not only professional colleagues but also husband and wife.

Of the 437 total employees at Wartburg, there are 25 married couples.

Professors Brian and Mariah Birgen both teach in the mathematics department and have been married for nearly 20 years.

"It works really well," Mariah Birgen said. "It allows us to more closely monitor students and we can collaborate pretty heavily."

We don't teach the same courses but we have kind of the same expectations."

Brian Birgen said the pair met during their freshman year at UC Berkeley and dated throughout their undergrad years. Brian proposed to Mariah on Valentine's Day and the couple married after graduation.

After finishing graduate school together, Brian took a job at Purdue and Mariah took a job at Wartburg, both commuting for

two years.

When a mathematics and physics position opened up at Wartburg, Brian leapt at the chance and the two have been working side-by-side ever since.

"Wartburg was very understanding of our working together," Brian said.

The Rev. Ramona Bouzard and her husband, Professor of Religion, Chip Bouzard, have a different working relationship. Although both are associated with the religion department, the two rarely see each other during the day.

"[The Birgens] are better people than we are," Ramona said jokingly. "We complement each other, but we both have very strong personalities so we need our own space."

Chip said he and Ramona met at a Bible camp after high school.

"She was my boss at the camp and she's my boss now," Chip said. "Nothing's really changed."

The two went to college together, got married and attended seminary together. Soon after, Chip applied and was hired at Wartburg. He said a position at Wartburg opened up and Ramona, too, was hired.

While the Bouzards and the Birgens work collaboratively, Tim and MaryBeth Koberna have a different kind of working relationship.

Tim, the head athletic

trainer, and MaryBeth, an office coordinator for the Center for Community Engagement, said they rarely have a chance to interact throughout the day.

For the first six months of Tim's career at Wartburg, MaryBeth stayed back in Michigan with the kids, waiting for them to finish their school year, and then moved to Waverly. One year later, she, was hired by the college.

"It's difficult being in different departments," MaryBeth said.

All three couples agreed the college was very supportive of their personal and working relationships and were appreciative of their chance to work together.

Ferol Menzel, dean of the faculty, said if the college knows about a spouse, they do all they can to guide the spouse to employment opportunities.

"In most cases, faculty couples arrived at Wartburg for the employment of one spouse and as employment opportunities became available, the trailing spouse applied and successfully competed for the faculty position," Menzel said.

Menzel said as far as the college helping to nurture romances on campus, "We leave the budding romances to cupid."

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Mothers advance in social work education to better serve others

Third in series: non-traditional Wartburg students

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For Toni Wulf, a student at Wartburg since fall 2009, coming to school was a little scary.

"I was very nervous. At a community college you are able to work full time and take a full load, but when you come here, you can't," Wulf said.

Wulf is a non-traditional student pursuing a Bachelor's degree in social work. She is taking four classes this semester

and expects to graduate in May 2012. Wulf is married, has three children and uses time management to balance being both a mother and a student.

After graduation, Wulf intends to combine her previous experience with her degree to work in case management for a mental health agency.

"Maybe I'll go to graduate school and get my independent license," Wulf said.

Wulf is a student in Lynn Peters' social policy class. Peters

said non-traditional students bring a new perspective to the class and share experiences that many traditional students have not had.

"Most of them are truly interested in learning. That sets up good role models for everyone else," he said.

Peters had to rethink certain class policies in order to be more flexible with non-traditional students. He says professors have to take into account other responsibilities non-traditional students have.

"Some have very heavy workloads, and we have to find classes that fit into their schedules," he said. "When their kids are sick they have to stay home with them."

Alicia Dillon-Bailey is another non-traditional student in Peters' class. In addition to raising five children with her husband, Dillon-Bailey is a full-time student pursuing a degree in social work. She said it is important to her that her children see that hard work pays off.

"I've always had a passion for inciting change," Dillon-Bailey said. "Unfortunately, when you are uneducated people are less apt to pay attention to what you have to say. I decided that if I wanted to be taken seriously, I had to have an education."



Emily Novotny/TRUMPET

Non-traditional student Toni Wulf works on her homework with Professor Lynn Peters, who teaches her social policy class.

Dillon-Bailey intends to begin a mentoring program that pairs newly returned veterans with those that have already successfully transitioned back into civilian life. She also intends to pursue graduate studies.

"I might not be able to change the world, but I may be able to create enough change that it changes the way the world is perceived for a handful of individuals," she said.

Peters said he has often wondered if Wartburg would benefit from having a non-traditional student association on campus.

"I think by and large Wartburg tries to be accommodating with non-traditional students, but the reality is that the institution and its policies were set up to

serve traditional students," he said.

Wulf and Dillon-Bailey agreed a non-traditional student association would be beneficial. Wulf said it would give traditional students an awareness that would make them more eager to get to know non-traditional students. Dillon-Bailey said it would allow non-traditional students to share concerns and provide support.

"I feel that an association which represented the interest of students like me could only be a positive force on campus," Dillon-Bailey said.

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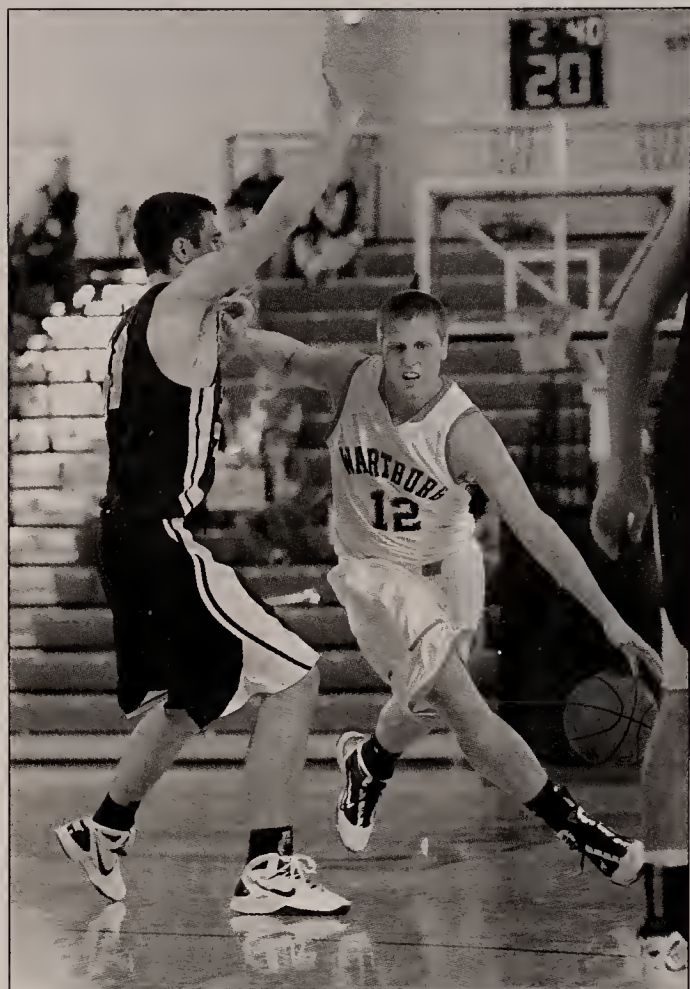
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SPORTS

Men's basketball wins during 75th anniversary

Men improve to 3-10 in the IIAC after beating BVU 65-62



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Cole Danielson dribbles past BV's Doug Bissen to the hoop. Danielson had 12 points in the first half of the Knight's third conference win.

AL STRAIN SPORTS EDITOR

Wartburg's men's basketball team picked up their third win in the IIAC with a victory over Buena Vista on the day when Wartburg celebrated 75 years of basketball at the college.

Members of teams from the last 75 years traveled to Waverly Saturday. Decade teams dating back to the 1950s were honored in a ceremony at halftime.

"This is so special I can't even tell you how special it is," head coach Dick Peth said. "It was a great feeling for our guys and I know very special for myself."

The Knights and the Beavers traded baskets early. Wartburg took a five point lead in the opening ten minutes that Buena Vista overcame when the teams were tied at 20 with 8:42 to play in the opening half.

From then until the end of the half, Wartburg went on a 17-9 run and took an eight point lead into the locker room at halftime.

In the second half, Wartburg stretched its lead to as much as 15 points in the opening minutes thanks to layups by Kirk Sidey and Jordan Sathoff. Drew Crawford added a three pointer and forced Buena Vista

to take a timeout just over a minute into the half.

Throughout the second half, the Beavers made small runs to get back in the game. Buena Vista's Wes Norquist hit a layup with 1:17 left to tie the score at 60 points apiece.

Wartburg made crucial free throws over the final minute of the game while the Beavers missed several shots. Wartburg came away with the 65-62 victory.

"I thought we came out and really defended well," Peth said. "We did a great job there."

Cole Danielson led the Knights with 15 points and grabbed five rebounds, Sathoff recorded a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds and Sidey added 14 points for Wartburg.

The Knights' win came on the heels of their second loss to the Luther College Norse, this season.

The Knight's traded baskets with Luther throughout the opening ten minutes of action. The teams were tied at 16 with 10:09 left in the first half.

Over the final ten minutes of the half, Luther went on a 15-3 run to put the Knights down

31-19 going into the halftime break.

Coming out of the half the Knights never got back into the game as Luther continued to put up points while the Knights offense struggled to keep up with the Norse's pace.

Luther's Dane Larson gave the Knights problems all night as the Waverly native had 26 points to lead all scorers.

Sathoff and Danielson each scored in double figures with 14 points and 12 points, respectively. Wartburg turned the ball over 16 times and fell to the Norse by a score of 68-48.

Wartburg is now 3-10 in IIAC play and will host Simpson on Saturday as they try to climb back into the conference race. Peth said he'd like to use the week of rest for his team to get back to full strength.

"If I could touch a crystal ball it would be to get everybody healthy, but that's probably not going to happen," Peth said.

Tip-off on Saturday is at 4 p.m. and it is the Knight's last home game of the season.

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Women's basketball wins late against Luther; Knight's top BVU at home 83-73

AL STRAIN SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg women's basketball team gained two wins this week as they began their final push towards the IIAC tournament.

On Saturday, the Knights defeated Buena Vista University for the second time this season by a final score of 83-73.

"I thought Buena Vista played really well," head coach Bob Amsberry said. "Their top five kids are very good basketball players."

The Knights began the game on a 15-2 run with all 15 points courtesy of Terri Dirks and Samantha Harrington. The two were a perfect three for three from behind the arc during the opening run.

With under a minute left in the half, Wartburg led by 11, but Buena Vista went on an 8-0 run to close the half and they entered the half trailing the Knights 38-35.

"I told [the team] we needed to keep doing what we're doing," Amsberry said about what he told his team at halftime. "Basketball is a game of runs."

Buena Vista cut the lead to one point during the second half, but the Knights went on another run to put the game out of reach over the final ten minutes.

Harrington led the Knights with 21 points while Dirks and freshman Rachel Leitz each added double digit scoring efforts with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

"Rachel's a great player, she needed an opportunity," Amsberry

said. "She stepped up and did a really great job for us."

Earlier in the week, the Knights traveled to Decorah and defeated Luther on a buzzer-beater by Harrington.

Harrington had 14 points and dished out four assists. Emily Timmermans had six points

while adding four assists and 11 rebounds.

Wartburg faces off against Simpson on Saturday at home. Tip-off is scheduled for a 2 p.m. as they look to avenge an earlier loss to the Storm.

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Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET

Rachel Leitz goes up for a lay-up during the Knight's 83-73 win over the Buena Vista Beavers. Leitz scored 11 points in 15 minutes.

Wrestling finishes regular season next week before IIAC tournament

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The meet continued with the heavyweights and Wartburg No. 1 ranked John Helgerson who earned bonus points by pinning his opponent Pat Fletcher at 4:10 in the second period.

"I was surprised that we started at 197," Miller said. "Momentum is a big thing in a meet like this and we got off to a good start."

The Knights won from 125 pounds through 157 pounds including No. 10 Jacob Groth upsetting No. 3 Tony Valek by a decision of 5-4.

The Knights dropped their only two matches by decisions.

The Knights closed out their win over the Auggies with Todd Becker upsetting No. 6 Brad Baus by a decision of 3-1.


The Knights will wrestle their last regular season meet on Saturday in Wisconsin, Eau Claire before having a week off to prepare for the IIAC conference tournament.


The start time for the meet on Saturday has not been set.


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
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 Student Senators wrote letters discouraging Iowa legislature from additional Iowa Tuition Grant cuts. Check with your Senator to find out how you can help!

 Nominate an outstanding advisor, faculty or staff member that has made a difference at Wartburg for an award. Applications are now available on the Senate website under the downloads tab.

 Come to the presidential debate on Feb. 8th in the Science Center room 102 at 7:30. The debate will feature candidates for president, vice president, treasurer, and recorder.

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Our Next meeting is Thursday, February 10.
Meetings take place at 11:30 am in Buckmaster
Everyone is welcome to join!



Wartburg honors former teams
Seventy-five years of Wartburg players
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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday M/W @ University of St. Thomas
Saturday M/W Basketball vs. Simpson
Wrestling @ UW-Eau Claire

For score updates visit,



Knights big men have court connection

First cousins Diemer and Sathoff bring a family dynamic to Wartburg's hardwood

TAYLOR UMLAND STAFF WRITER

Eddie Diemer and Jordan Sathoff couldn't look any less alike. Their games couldn't be less alike. But there is one connection that links these two teammates: they are first cousins.

"We had a lot of fun as kids. Getting together as kids on holidays was always a great time," third year forward Sathoff said.

Sathoff's dad and Diemer's mom were brother and sister. Little did they know, their children would turn out to become superior athletes in the game of basketball.

Over the years, the two have competed fiercely at family gathering, but being from different cities of different sizes, [Sathoff from Packwood, Diemer from Cedar Falls] the cousins never saw each other on the court in a formal setting. Now that they are on the court together, special things are happening.

Although the Knights' record would indicate they are having a rough season on the court, coach Dick Peth believes these two young men have what it takes to not only take this

season to a positive end but to excel into the 2012 season as well.

"I think they are very close off the court which definitely helps them on the court. They feed off each other," Peth said. "In recent games, Eddie had back to back games with seven assists and a lot of those were fed down low to Jordan where he would finish."

Diemer said he thought his style of play compliments Sathoff's style well.

"I look to pass first and Jordan looks to score first, not a ball hog or anything, but simply a natural scorer," Diemer said.

So far this season, Sathoff is one of the premier scorers on the team averaging over 17 points per game.

Sathoff is currently second on the team in points per game and ranks third in the Iowa Conference in scoring. He is also third in the IIAC in rebounding with 7.4 per game.

Sathoff is playing ferocious defense as well, leading the Knights in blocked shots and defensive rebounds with 1.2 and 5.9 respectively.

Diemer is not far behind his cousin. He is averaging

6.7 points per game, good for fourth on the team.

But scoring isn't Diemer's number one priority. He is a distributor who is averaging nearly three assists per game and hitting the boards hard with almost five rebounds per contest.

Diemer is second among IIAC freshman in rebounding, grabbing 4.4 rebounds a game.

Diemer is currently out of the Knights' lineup with a knee injury that has hampered him throughout the season.

Growing up, the three on three games at family reunions were a fierce form of competition for the boys.

"We used to pull some pretty good pranks as kids, but I don't think we can say any of them," Sathoff said.

Peth, the man who may know the student athletes the best here on campus, summed it up.

"I think these men are very different but very similar at the same time," Peth said. "But, you couldn't ask for two more quality players and more importantly, two more quality people."

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Jordan Sathoff dunks the ball on a pass from his cousin Eddie Diemer in practice for the Knights men's basketball team.

Women's track takes first at Select meet; Men take second

DREW SHRADEL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg Knights track and field teams posted more provisional qualifications this weekend at the Wartburg Select meet.

The No. 2 ranked women finished first in the meet winning 11 of the 17 events in indoor track. The No. 7 ranked men finished second behind meet champion St. Thomas.

"The meet went really well. There were a lot of good performances and it is good to know that we are progressing through our practices," Brittany Melloy, team captain, said.

The women had 12 provisional and automatic national qualifying marks in the meet, finishing with a score of 226 points, beating the second place team and No. 16 ranked University of Wisconsin La

Crosse by 62 points.

Skye Morrison automatically qualified in the long jump with a meet-winning jump of 5.74 meters.

Her sister Nevada ran an automatic qualifying time of 55.94 in the 400 meter dash, setting a field house record and meet record.

"It was Skye's first meet out jumping and she qualified on her first jump," Melloy said. "For

Nevada, it is good to know that she is hitting those times already because those will drop as it gets closer to conference."

The Knights took first through third in the 400 with Melloy and Kendra Kregel running provisional qualifying times.

The Morrisons, Melloy and Kregel all punched their ticket again for the national meet as they were on the automatic qualifying 4x400 team, setting another field house record at 3:50.65.

The men's team also had a day of records as Mike Koehler led the Knights to the second place finish.

Koehler set a field house record in the 600 meter run at 1:23.47, leading the top four place sweep of the 600 meter run along with Palangji Sunday, Chris Keninger and John Matthiesen.

The men finished the meet with 158 points, 23 points behind meet winner St. Thomas.

Both teams will be in action on Friday in Minnesota at the St. Thomas Showcase. No start time has been set.

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Wrestling wins 'Battle of the Burgs'

DREW SHRADEL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 1 ranked Knights wrestling team traveled to Minneapolis, Minn. this weekend to take on the No. 3 ranked Augsburg Auggies in "The Battle of the Burgs."

The Knights showed why they were number one in the nation as they defeated the Auggies 28-5.

"Overall we wrestled pretty well, it was a good win in a tough place to compete," head coach Jim Miller said.

The match took a twist start by starting with the highlight match of the evening between the 197- pounders No. 1 ranked Byron Tate and No. 2 ranked Jared Massey. They clashed in a rematch of last year's national semi-final.

Tate came out on top again though, winning by a decision of 6-3.

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Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET

Larry Johnson jumps a hurdle in the Wartburg Select meet on Saturday in the Hoover Field House. Johnson helped the Knights to a second place finish behind the University of St. Thomas.